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To Whom It May Concern:

Ref: SCE&G rate request increase.

Like the vast majority of citizens of the state of South Carolina, I can neither afford to take off or the financial burden of traveling to one of your public hearing sites for the purpose of listening to the outrageous request for a rate increase that SCE&G states that they are in such dire need of. These leaches of society should have been laughed at by the Public Service Commission on the day that this request was made and told to deal with every day life like the millions that have to deal with the overcharging blood suckers. When a quarter of my monthly income goes to paying a light bill then this have become not a convenience, but more of a struggle, taking food out of my children's mouths just so that this strong arm, monopolizing corporation can live a lifestyle that is superior to most.

If SCE&G needs money than let them quit spending millions on advertising, they don't need it, they have a monopoly. Let them sell their country club, their beach and mountain houses, stop giving themselves millions in bonuses, stop giving millions away as sponsors and do what they should have been doing all along, serving the citizens of South Carolina. It is ashamed that the state of South Carolina has to subsidize it's citizen's power bills just so that this company can give themselves raises and bonuses.

They can sit there and state that they are not making enough profit, but if after all that they give away and give to themselves, if they make one dollar, that is more than about 40,000 companies are doing a month, and they don't have anyone trying to help them. If SCE&G can not operate on what they get now, then someone better look into the operations of this corporation and figure out who has their hands in the till, or maybe the cost of padding the political pockets and those that support them has gone up.

They made Bell South breakup because of having what they called a monopoly, why do they continue to let SCE&G operate as one, and charge one of the highest rates that there is in the United States, why, because of people like the Public Service Commission that allows it to happen. You are the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, so why don't you work for the public and not against them, but then again, maybe it is more profitable to work for the Corporations then it is for the public.

Thank you,

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